

**REMARKS**

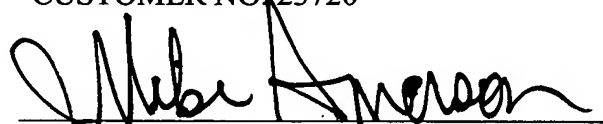
In the Office Action, claims 1-25 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1-46 of the patent to Stirton (U.S. Patent No. 6,479,200 B1). Submitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer that is believed to render the Examiner's double patenting rejections moot. In view of the filing of the Terminal Disclaimer, it is believed that all claims pending in the present application are in condition for immediate allowance.

However, it should be understood that, in filing the Terminal Disclaimer, Applicants do not acquiesce in the correctness of the Examiner's positions and statements set forth in the Final Office Action. Moreover, for many of the reasons set forth in the Response to Office Action Dated September 5, 2003, Applicants again believe that the double patenting rejection is improper.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present case is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (713) 934-4055 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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